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**MEMO**

TO: Senate Health Policy Members

FROM: Mike Maisner, Executive Director

DATE: March 7, 2007

RE: Senate Bill 279

Representing the local parks across Michigan, we wholeheartedly support Senate Bill 279. With the obesity epidemic documented throughout Michigan, we are happy to partner with the State of Michigan's Department of Community Health and Department of Natural Resources in finding solutions to this problem.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Again, the Michigan Recreation & Park Association fully supports Senate Bill 279 to create an Outdoor Fitness Award and encourage the citizens of Michigan to take advantage of the outdoor programs and natural resources available in this great state.